(i) Bibinagar-Secunderabad-Sanatnagar (as a part of Kazipet-Sanatnagar section)	45 RKMs
(ii) Renigunta-Tsakibanda (as a part of Renigunta Guntakal-Hospet section)	328 RKMs
(iii) Vijayawada-Vishakapatnam	366 RKMs
TOTAL	739 RKMs

Funds to the extent of Rs. 34.12 crores have been allotted for these projects during the current financial year.

रेलवे स्टेशन-प्लेटफार्मों पर ठेकेदार

700. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे स्टेशन-प्लेटफ़ार्मों पर ठेकेदार नियमों के अनुरूप कार्य नहीं कर रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) उन ठेकेदारों की क्षेत्रवार संख्या कितनी है, जिनके विरुद्ध कार्यवाही की गई है तथा उन ठेकेदारों की संख्या कितनी है जिनके ठेके रद्द कर दिए गए हैं; और

(घ) क्या सरकार का केवल बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों को ही ठेके देने का विचार है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) और (ख) सामान्य ठेकेदार करार की शर्तों के अनुसार कार्य करते हैं। दोषी ठेकेदारों के खिलाफ उचित कार्रवाई की जाती है।

(ग) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

(घ) जी नहीं।

Konkan Railway project

701. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Konkan Railway project is progressing satisfactorily;

(b) what are the targets sets for completion under different sections and achievement made so far;

(c) whether the project is facing problem from the environmentalists; and

(d) if so, Government's stand on the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Target for Phase I:

Roha-Dasgaon 47 Km—October 1992

Mangalore-Udupi 70 Km-October 1992

and Dasgaon-Udupi 643 Km—Depends on availability of resources in coming years.

(c) Yes, Sir. In Goa sector.

(d) Necessary measures have been taken to prepare an environmental impact assessment to evolve environmental management plan to mitigate adverse impact and protect environment.

Koderma-Hazaribagh rail link

702. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Railway Minister, while presenting the interim Railway budget in March, 1991 had mentioned that the Koderma-Hazaribagh Railway link would be taken up for construction soon;

(b) whether the project has since been shelved; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The then Railway Minister mentioned in his Budget speech in March, 1991 that keeping in view the need for development of backward areas the new line from Ranchi-Hazaribagh-Koderma is under consideration. The survey for this line was updated and proposal for this 190 km. BG line between Ranchi and Koderma via Barkakana and Hazaribagh at an estimated cost of Rs. 335 crores was sent to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission, however, did not agree to the proposal due to the negative financial return of the project, stating also that the anticipated passenger traffic on the section could be taken care of by road transport.

Compensation for the land acquired by Konkan Railway

703. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether compensation for the land acquired by Konkan Railway has not yet been given to the farmers;

(b) the number of farmers in Thane, Ratnagiri, Raigarh and Sindhu-Durg districts who are yet to be compensated; and

(c) the time by which compensation is likely to be given to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Wherever land aquisition proceedings have been completed by Revenue authoritles, compensation has been paid.

(b) Districtwise details are furnished below:

(i) Raigarh District —3583 Farmers

(ii) Ratnagiri District —5802 Farmers

(iii) Sindhu Durg District —5640 Farmers

Thane Dstrict does not lie on Konkan Railway alignment.

(c) Payment of compensation will be made as soon as the land acquisition proceedings are completed and awards made by the Revenue authorities of the State Government. Land acquisition proceedings are carried out by special land acquisition officer who works under the State Government.

Derailment of Trains

704. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during 1992 the incidence of derailment of trains has taken a serious turn; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, zonewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir. There has been a marginal increase in the number of derailments during the first six months of 1992 as compared to similar period of 1991.

(b) Railway zone-wise position of derailments is as under:—

Railway	No. of derailments during Jan. to June	
	1992	1991
Central	20	16
Eastern	25	25
Northern	25	22
North Eastern	12	3
Northeast Frontier	24	25
Southern	24	36
South Central	26	29
South Eastern	38	33
Western	18	20
TOTAL	212	209